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## Rightist Subversion

"...my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

The author of that fantastic statement is Robert Welch, former Boston manufacturer and founder of the ultra-right wing John Birch Society, one of several suddenly-blossoming reactionary groups in the United States whose extremist dedication to fighting Communism (and what they mistakenly think is Communism) is so great that they adopt Communist methods to carry on their fight.

In a time when the menace of the left is staggering, we often fail to note the subversives of the right. They used to be called fascists.

And there are more and more of them germinating in the United States, resorting to the tactics of character assassination with no regard for truth, spreading fear, hatred and suspicion and advocating infiltration of various organizations. Some ally themselves with the White Citizens' Councils, branding racial integration with Communism. Some are anti-Semitic, referring to "Jewish-Communist conspiracies."

Practically all the organizations of the radical right are heavily isolationist. Treaties with any foreign lands are wicked since they bend, in part, to the will of foreigners. Any negotiation with Russia is treasonous. Foreign aid by the United States is a calculated trick to send this country into a bankruptcy that will insure Communist takeover.

Usually, their definition of a Communist is stretched to include those who overtly disagree with them.

In the case of the 100,000-member John Birch Society which is operated largely in secret by a man whose doctrine is not to be questioned, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was called a Communist. His brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is cataloged as a Red. So is Franklin D. Roosevelt in an absentia-type slap at the notable dead.

Through scurrilous letter writing, telephoning and pamphleteering, the Birch Society pins the Communist label on politicians who do not vote as they would like; on those resisting their pressure tactics to force the showing of the House Un-American Activities Committee's film "Operation Abolition;" on "liberal" ministers. Approved For Release 2000/04/13 : CIA-RDP70-00058R000200150081-4  
anyone who has the convictions to speak out against

According to the Birchists, press, radio and television are so riddled with Communism, you can't get anything resembling the truth; some of America's largest foundations have been "secretly but visibly working for years" to change the economic and political structure of the United States "that it can be comfortably merged with Soviet Russia."

One of the leading newspapers in America, the conservative Los Angeles Times, has this to say of the John Birch Society and its chapters, now spread to almost every state in the nation. It is worth remembering, for it applies to many other phony Americanist groups of the same ilk:

"If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader, they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust and aggravate disputes and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism." J. F.